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In its entirety a family paper, it is conservative and pure in tone. Nothing of an unclean nature ever gets into its columns. The LEDGER has the Largest Circulation of any paper in the county.

LUMBAGO.

Lumbago is a form of rheumatism, in which the lower back muscles are affected. It is usually caused by a strain or over-exertion of the muscles, and is characterized by a sharp, stabbing pain in the lower back, which is often aggravated by bending or stooping.

BACKACHE.
Victoria, B. C., June 27, 1889.
I was in bed two months with lumbago, and was unable to do any work. I was cured by Dr. J. C. Smith's Lumbago Cure, and am now well and strong.

After 22 Years,

St. Jacobs' Oil
Cured a man of chronic lumbago, which took the form of a tumor.

which was completely cured as follows:
Pangloss, Ind., July 20, 1888.

I suffered with pains in my head from lumbago for 22 years. They were cured by Dr. J. C. Smith's Lumbago Cure, and I am now well and strong.

AT DRUGGISTS AND DEALERS.
THE CHAS. LEE & CO., Baltimore, Md.

You can't throw a rock without hitting a candidate.

Mexico is going to start the rock road boom when the County Court gets ready.

QUICK A PRESSURE is being brought to bear to induce W. K. Potts to run for Mayor.

Mexico needs a good brass band to assist the newspapers on such occasions as the combination horse sale.

B. B. GRAHAM and Geo. Morris are going to whoop up a mile of rock road South from Mexico to once. Let the good work proceed.

RAY PERCY WEBBER, who drew such crowds in Mexico before, will open at the Episcopal Church for a week's mission Sunday, Feb. 16. He will be greeted with crowded houses.

The County Court postponed action on the rock road matter until the March term of the Court. We know of no particular reason for the postponement but are assured that the court will then take action.

O. R. LEPSON is favorably spoken of as a candidate for Councilman from the Sixth Ward. Mr. Arnold will not be a candidate as Clay is a representative young man of enterprise, who has grown up with the city and would make a good Councilman.

The Herman (Mo.) Ledger speaking about the editor of this paper, says: "A man who makes as good a paper as the LEDGER—one of the best in the State, would make a model Mayor. Bob, we hope you will run and make Mexico a live town."

Ex-Gov. C. H. HANCOCK made a stirring speech before the County Court today on the rock road matter. The "Governor" struck the key note when he said that "the demands of the times was for good rock roads and he saw no reason for postponing consideration of the matter."

The World's Most Powerful Tribunal.

The highest court of the United States, whose centennial commemoration is at hand, holds a unique place in our form of government, and one not found in any other governmental system. It is a power greater than is exercised by any other judicial tribunal in the world. In no country of Europe or the East has any court authority to make or unmake the supreme law of the land, to limit the prerogatives of the sovereign, to control the powers of the legislature, to shape the form of government.

These functions are exercised by the Supreme Court of the United States. It holds a power above that of the chief magistrate of the nation, superior to that of Congress, higher than that of any State, and equal only by that which made or can amend the Constitution. It can change the relations between the State and the nation. It can extend or restrict either the central power or State sovereignty. In short, it can make or unmake the constitutional law of the country.

The Importance of Occupation.

There is nothing that adds more to the zest of life than an interesting occupation, even if it means hard work, there is a recompense in the enjoyment of well earned rest. No work ought, however, to be over-powering, or so exhaustive that one's energies fall below their aspiration. On the other hand, no life is so thoroughly wretched as one where the necessity and desire for work is entirely wanting; and this is particularly true of persons of education and intelligence who allow themselves to fall into that unsettled condition of mind where nothing is of interest. It is difficult at first to form an interest, but when the first step is made, the habit of regular occupation, if only for one or two hours a day, becomes valuable. Active minds, if not supplied with some subject for solid thought, will finally prey upon themselves, and end by breaking down the physical health.—Herald of Health.

Mrs. Thomas W. W. is a most estimable lady from the West, and of the county, is dead.

MEXICANS EDUCATION.

Tribute to Prof. J. P. Blanton's Worth—Prof. McMillan and Yancey as Educators—Mexico's Schools.

Two Educators.

Mexico, Mo., Feb. 6.—In drifting away from the schools and educators of Mexico I desire to stop a moment and make a few personal remarks in regard to Prof. Blanton. I think none know him or his work as an educator better than I.

It seems he has been named by his friends as a fitting person to be made Superintendent of Common Schools. I want to be heard upon that subject. Such a selection would be eminently fit to be made. He is a man of elegant culture, a ripe scholar, a captivating public speaker, profoundly versed in the science of pedagogy, a fine constitutional student; he is fully imbued with the genius of our State educational policy, enriched and materialized by many years' experience in school room and in the field. He is yet young, of robust health, a born leader of men and an extended acquaintance throughout the State with his leading men and educators, all combine to fit him more fully than any man I know for the place.

It goes without the saying that he is not of my political faith. After the most strictest test, he is a Democrat brought up at the feet of Virginia Democratic Gammells, which grand old State was his birth land and educated. I made Superintendent the interest of common schools will be advanced an undying virtue, as he is faithful to every public trust.

In securing the services of Prof. McMillan in place of Prof. Blanton, at his retirement to take charge of Kirkville, as stated, a school authorities were exceedingly fortunate. There could not have been found a more valuable asset, or one better prepared to continue the schools at their high standard and commanding influence. He yet holds the place, a year being more highly valued by the authorities and all persons of the school.

Under Prof. McMillan the same friendly relations with the college in issue. In which latter institution Prof. Yancey succeeded Mrs. Bird as president, and under his administration it has reached a degree of prosperity unknown before, and a reputation and influence as an educational institution in the whole Mississippi Valley. Prof. Yancey is at the head of a faculty equal to that of any college, east or west, and earnest in their work and proud of the success attending their efforts. There is no such school in Missouri having equal patronage so far as I am advised, or one whose patronage could be more worthily bestowed. As always before, the friendly relations existing between the schools and college in issue directions their common efforts seem more effective and beneficial.

It is an element of weakness in our local school system and which has been a source of embarrassment to the State, that the maximum assessments for school purposes are arbitrarily fixed by law, so that only a small amount can be raised annually. It will readily be discovered that the conduct of the authorities is controlled by their power to do, rather than what ought to be done, to advance the educational work. It has always been felt that the teachers are underpaid, and some time feeling has arisen from this cause and, now and then, for that cause we have valuable teachers, to employ whom at much higher wages, other towns were only too glad of the opportunity. This evil may be remedied by the rapidly increasing tax value of the property in the district.

Large promises were early made, but in both instances they have been unfaithfully performed. It was understood, to obtain the advantage of these schools, large numbers of people would be drawn to the city; its permanent population constantly increased; its influence enlarged and its usefulness and happiness made complete. In this there has been no mistake. There has been no mistake in the future; as the years go by Mexico will draw larger and more valued returns from these institutions than any in the past, but younger hands than mine should receive the credit of this.

Years ago I had occasion to cross Sandusky Bay by the rail road traversing it, approaching the little city of the same name. As the train left the track over the water it entered a magnificent maple grove—trees one hundred feet high and three feet in diameter. Just on the left of the track was Lake Erie, her blue waters with rippling music were kissing the pebbled shore a short distance away. Just before my passage there had been a fearful storm, and the thousand evidences along the

County Court Proceedings.

A. H. Canterbury, warrant \$135.15, as superintendent of county farm.

A. H. Canterbury, warrant \$73, as superintendent county farm.

Harper & B. E. y, warrant \$7, supplies for paupers.

Harper & B. E. y, warrant \$13.18, supplies for poor farm.

J. V. Williams, warrant, \$15, stamps and expressage.

S. W. Downing, warrant 150, road commissioner.

D. Miller, warrant 150, road commissioner.

J. D. Smith, warrant 150, road commissioner.

J. H. Wright, warrant 150, road commissioner.

Dr. Robinson, warrant 10, keeping W. H. Wright.

F. B. Brown et al petitioners public road, resp't of petitioners for damages paid to county treasurer; ordered opened.

R. ADOLPHUS SETTLEMENTS.

J. T. Vandulandham, warrant \$30.10.

J. A. Graig, warrant 45.20.

J. H. Jones, warrant 72.78.

J. W. Fox, warrant 91.

H. T. Crawford, warrant 111.95.

B. R. Dunn, warrant 79.35.

H. S. Lundy, warrant 38.70.

H. C. Berry, warrant 88.15.

R. G. Harris, warrant 133.60.

G. P. Williams, warrant 45.15.

C. T. Jesse, warrant 63.

R. A. Daniel, warrant 85.30.

T. J. Irvin, warrant 67.60.

J. H. Miller, warrant 40.70.

D. K. Crockett, warrant 40.70.

G. W. Brown, warrant 57.60.

Jas. J. Herries, warrant 58.

Coastworth & Co, warrant 10.70 bridge lumber.

Jno Byars, warrant 79.20, bridge building.

St. Louis Bridge and Iron Co, warrant 800, bridge building.

E. I. Carberry, warrant 34.15 bridge castings.

C. P. Auba-chon, warrant 20.50, bridge building.

E. M. Hager, warrant 85.47, bridge lumber.

Jacob & Towsn, warrant 25.70, bridge building.

A. J. Turner, warrant 25, opening road.

W. E. Barnett & Bro, warrant \$50, bridge lumber.

Standard Printing Co, warrant 20.60, supplies.

A. Lecher & Sons, warrant 11, wire rope.

Jas. Garrett, warrant 7.50, road scraper.

G. W. Dye, overseer, warrant 61.20, road fund.

G. W. Slaughter, warrant 5, conveying patient to asylum.

Fisher & Byars, warrant 675.45, building bridge.

J. C. DeLaporte, warrant 13.75, appropriated for crippled boy.

J. C. Ringo, warrant 73.25, tiling at Lutley bridge.

G. C. Richard, warrant 9.50, tiling at Barnett bridge.

Dr. French, warrant 3.50, medical attendance poor.

R. M. White, warrant 41, printing statement of receipts and expenditures.

L. Phillip, warrant 2.75, supplies for jail prisoners.

J. T. Davis et al, petitioners public road; report of commissioners, right of way not given; jury for damages.

J. T. Crews et al, petitioners public road; having been read and proof of notice made on Feb 3 and no remonstrance presented, it is now ordered to commissioners of roads.

J. T. Jernan et al, petitioners public road; jury's report continued to May to me for payment of damages.

S. B. Cook, warrant 47.25, county printing.

T. C. Bots, overseer, settlement, warrant 86.55 vs road fund.

Ordered that A. H. Canterbury build a partition fence between the county farm and Green Floyd, the survey of putting up same and all expense, make material to be done by Canterbury for \$20.

Ordered that J. W. Price build fence around old cemetery, three planks, two wires, and good oak posts to be put in the ground 30 inches, well tamped, and he to have the old fence and be paid not to exceed \$70 at March term of court.

Ordered that C. D. Rodgers, surveyor, proceed with the county survey of Montgomery county, on March 17th, to survey the county line between townships 50 and 51, range 6.

Standard Printing Co. warrant

33, supplies for County Clerk.

Sturgeon Court Common Pleas vs. County, account \$199, continued to March term of Court.

J. A. Guthrie, warrant \$90, 6 days; justice county court and mileage.

M. C. Flynn, warrant \$34.50, 6 days; justice county court and mileage.

Guo D. Barnard & Co., warrant \$5.90, supplies for sheriff.

S. E. Kendall, warrant \$34, 6 days; justice county court and mileage.

Court adjourned to commence the first Monday in March.

G. W. Adams, warrant \$131.45, account as sheriff.

G. W. Adams, warrant \$49.85, account as sheriff.

G. W. Adams, warrant \$22.10, account as sheriff.

J. V. Williams, warrant \$88.45, see fee book 581.

J. G. Downs et al, petitioners public road; having been continued from November Court for payment of damages; jury petitioners and the same not having been paid, it is now ordered dismissed.

Jas. Gamble et al, petitioners public road; continued to May term.

A CITY OF PAPER.

Mexico as Viewed Twenty Years ago by Judge Forrest—A Village Then; a City Now.

Correspondence of the Ledger.

Mexico, Mo., Feb. 8.—When I first knew Mexico she was a city on paper—potentially a town, Sahara was a garden compared with her desolation. There was a charter, much land and waste places, some people. Out of these elements a city could be made, but by no means were they either town or city. It seems to me now as if some cyclone had picked up a town in Kansas and dumped its debris here around the public square, and another whirlwind had made temporary organization of it. In all the city there was not a shaded street. Horses, hogs, sheep and cattle were allowed to range through the city, because they were scavengers plying their business. No sidewalks, no schools, no churches, no lectures, no halls, no organized society.

What would young America think of Mexico if he went down town? A night now and see in all the city no business places lighted except a drug store or drug shop—two words of equal import then. Where the S. U. Bank is now and further along was a cat-lap, which we crossed upon a trestle bridge to get back to the office of O. R. LEPSON, then County Attorney, in an old dwelling once the happy home of the Hon. Jno. P. Clark. The money man was outstayed that two or three years later the bank paid \$100 per foot for the twenty feet of land whereon the bank stands, easily worth six times that now.

What will the Mexico literati think of it when I tell it that their favorite city had never heard of a female lecturer or public speaker until 1869, when I introduced Miss Phoebe Cousins to an audience of twenty-five to hear her great speech on "Woman's Rights." It was in the basement of the Liberty Street Methodist Church, in "sixties."

But later came Olive Ligon, who made her speech in a little hall on the third floor of S. P. Edmunds' brick block, corner of J. Street and Promenade streets. So I introduced each lady to a Mexico audience from Phoebe to Brigham Young's nineteenth wife, many years after. In the early years female lectures were not approved here. The platform was not woman's sphere in the opinion of the men, and a woman's sphere is anywhere, everywhere; she can push her way or honest support of herself and family by honest labor, or by intrigue or pen.

In the case of a well understood contract for marriage between them, I never knew a couple make a carriage ride for a day without great scandal during the two years I resided here. It was said that many old citizens, of a certain class, were so well connected with a church, but was never equal to coming down town after night alone. He had not an enemy in the world. In passing to the city he was always followed by a crowd of admirers.

The corner where Tucker now is, Windsor Hotel and omniguns localities were chapparral or swamps of water or branches of briars and thorns. Hogs, half wild, 8 d into them and were as secure as if in a city of refuge. Neither man or dog dared to follow them. Fair gunning was found over half the city's territory. There was neither grain, nor water power; no organized industry; no combined effort; no association of wealth; no trusts, and still Mexicans were not happy.

Somebody will want to know pretty soon what in the world was there to the city. At the time of which I write was in 1868, amid the wild scenes of that year. The Martin Brothers had just been shot during the turbulence of registration and blood, not music, was in the air. This state of affairs made local politicians out of everybody. Our old friend, Gilliam, then chief justice of Salt River township, could forget his ermine and put on his top hat and talk of Rungy and King John and magnate charter and right of rights until he grew eloquent.

If asked what there was of Mexico, I should be compelled to answer: political opportunities for an emergency plan—shot without superior and willing to use or profanity as he found occasion to defend his position in Congress. An eastern manufacturer, familiar with all the elements of power and wealth, and riding with Wade on his tour to see the country was in his town so as to keep two such men as he and Giddings a life time in Congress. So he inquired if there were any railroads, iron or cotton manufacturers, water power, etc. "Bluff old Frank" replied, "none of them. The manufacturer or being attacked, inquired, with

THE RELIGION WE WANT.

It Should Make a Man Better in His Behavior as Well as His Belief.

We want a religion not merely of creed, but of conduct; a religion that reforms the step and gives gentleness to the voice, that checks the impatient word and hasty rebuke; a religion that is respectful to superiors, courteous to inferiors and considerate to friends; a religion not merely for the church and the Sabbath, but that lives in the family and keeps the husband from being cross if his dinner is late, and the wife from fretting if the husband sometimes forgets the creper and the door mat; that keeps the mother patient if the baby is fretful, and can amuse and interest the children as well as govern and instruct them; that cares for the comfort and welfare of servants as well as pays them; that projects the honeymoon into the harvest moon, and makes the happy home like the eastern fig tree, bearing at once the beauty of its tender blossoms and the glory of its ripened fruit. "I would not give much for that man's religion," said Rowland Hill, "whose every act and word are not better for it." Every Christian should so live as to be able, with the good Methodist brother, to say: "If you don't believe I am a Christian, ask my wife." We want a religion not merely for the prayer meeting and the public profession; but for the home, for the counting house, for the market of business, for the entire life—one that shall smooth the rough places of the world, and make daily life brighter and better, cherishing the spirit of Heaven here, and so preparing for Heaven hereafter.

Mothers.

Lord Macaulay says this beautiful tribute to his mother: "Child, look in those eyes; listen to that dear voice; notice the feeling of even a single thought that bestows itself upon you by her. Make much of it while you have the precious gift of all gifts, a loving mother. The unfeeling mother of those eyes, the kind anxiety of the touch and look, however slight upon your pain. In after life you may have friends, but never will you have again the inexpressible love and gentleness lavished upon you which none but a mother bestows. Often do I sigh in the struggle with the hard unfeeling world for the sweet, deep security I felt when of an evening, nestling in her bosom, I listened to some quiet tale suitable to my age, in her untiring voice. Never can I forget her sweet glances cast upon me when I appeared asleep, never her kisses of peace at night."

A Tax on Bachelors.

From the Omaha Bee.

Wyoming has the distinction of being the only section of the country where the right of suffrage is enjoyed by both sexes. Women have all the rights they want, and they exercise them with decided effect. Their influence is felt in the Legislatures. A bill has been introduced to bring both sexes into close, harmonious relations. It is proposed to tax all men over the age of thirty years who are not married. In other words, those who enjoy the luxury of bachelorhood must pay for it or marry. At present there are more men than women in the Territory; consequently the measure will stimulate immigration and create a lively stir among the retired maidens of the East.

Feeling the Children.

Abe Shearer, aged 83, an resident of Ontario, wanted to marry a bounding lassie of 78, but his children threatened to duck them both. They ran away to the house of a minister, locked the doors, put a man on guard with a shot-gun, and were married in 41 style before the boys could break in by way of the cellar.

C. E. Worham, a young man boarding at a lodging house in this city, had his new suit of clothes stolen from his room last night. Another young fellow also lost some articles of wearing apparel. The thief has not been caught.

A SNAKE STORY.

The Reptile Alleged to Be in the Arm of Mrs. Brown of South Carolina.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 4.—An aged lady lives about twenty miles from this city who has a snake in her arm. The snake is by no means a stranger and has lived in its present lodgings for forty years. Mrs. Brown is well along in years and time has sprinkled its frost in her hair, but she is a healthy specimen of womanhood. She was pretty, plump and pleasing when a maid, as some of the oldest people tell, and the arm now so peculiarly marked might have caused many an admirer to envy a serpent of its favor. One day she noticed a U-shaped figure on the upper fleshy part of her left arm. It was faint and seemed like a delicate black thread beneath the skin. That was forty years ago, and as the girl grew the mark developed until the presence of the reptile was unmistakable. She was repeatedly urged to have it removed by a surgical operation, but was unwilling, saying that after death it should be done.

To forestall any theory arising from accepted precedent, it is only necessary to say that Mrs. Elizabeth Brown has never touched a drop of intoxicants. To this fact and continual physical activity she owes her rugged old age. The snake for the forty years has grown to be about a foot long and lies in the U curve with the tail and head pointing toward the elbow. It is just beneath the skin and can plainly be seen. The head and eyes are visible and the pulsation of the reptile's heart can be felt by lightly placing a finger on the spot. By the same method the scales are evident, and when the snake is much disturbed a slight movement can be detected about the head and tail. How the reptile ever came in its queer home is a problem. That Mrs. Brown was bitten by a snake just before the present monstrosity began to develop is given as a possible reason by those who know her.

The best gift that can be conferred upon man is the treasure that cannot be purchased because it is not a marketable commodity—a loyal and loving wife. She is ever by a man's side to pilot him through the shoals and rocks that beset life's critical journey. She is ever willing to sacrifice her own comfort. She is ever ready to cheer and encourage. She is always anxious to let in sunshine and happiness. She is constantly planning to save his resources and subvert his comfort. In fact, there is no limit to what she can do and will do if she is given the opportunity. Beside her all possessions pale into insignificance. Money cannot bring the joy that a loving wife can bring. Ambition cannot satisfy the highest demand of the nature so thoroughly as a loyal wife. Fame and honor are gleamed, empty bubbles, when placed side by side with the substantial comforts that cluster around the happy household. What makes the happy household? Can men make them? No; because a man is in no sense a home-maker. He is below the birds of the air in this respect. Only a woman, an affectionate and true woman, can complete man's life and make him truly happy.

Blaine on Reed.

When, in 1875, in the course of the most prolonged and bitter struggle since the war, the battle over the Force bill, it was proposed to Speaker Blaine to do what Speaker Reed is now doing, Mr. Blaine refused, saying: "The chair never heard of that being done. He begs to remind me that would be true that there is a quorum in the hall, the very principle enunciated by the gentleman from Indiana (of having the Speaker disregard the rules and declare a quorum), for the greatest legislative frauds ever committed. Where a quorum in the judgment of the chair has been declared to be present in the House, against the result of the roll call these proceedings in the different legislatures have brought scandal on their names. The moment you elect your Speaker with power to go behind your roll call and assume that there is a quorum in the hall, why, gentlemen, you stand on the very brink of a volcano."

Joe A. Jody was in town Friday and in conversation with a LEXINGTON reporter stated that Wm. Pittman, who disappeared from his neighborhood, was a man 45 or 50 years of age with a wife and nine children. He lived on the old DeJarnatt place. His family relations are said to have been pleasant but he was slightly in debt. Foul play is suspected by some of his neighbors, who do not think that he would have willingly forsaken his family.

W. C. Brown, of Chicago, shipped in four loads of cattle last night, which he will feed on his farm 20 miles northwest of town.

Mim May Krens, daughter of Robert Krens, is dead.

DRUNKENNESS.

For black setter dog, a little white on breast and tinted with red on each side of nose. Will pay \$5 for the dog, \$10 for the thief and \$10 additional if thief is convicted. 2d W. E. Warr.

For a new five pound bag to go to G. D. Farris. Rent, \$5 per month. Close to square.

AN INMATE PRISON.

A steer weighing 1000 pounds is worth \$20 to \$30 in Chicago before he is killed. After he is killed his killer sells him—beef, hide, hoofs, tallow, etc.—for \$82. The farmer gets half as much for his steer as he did eight or ten years ago. The butcher charges to the consumer as much now as he did eight or ten years ago, and claims that he makes no more money. There is somebody standing between the man who buys beef to eat that is making an inordinate profit.

McDoel is the name of the painting formerly known as Soda Boy, brought out last season by the gallery of Sedalia. It costs fifty dollars to change a trotter's name after he has trotted in one race. We are sorry the name has been changed as he is a gelding of great promise and every time he trotted Missouri would recollect he was a Missouri production, but under the name of McDoel many will forget him.

A farmer in closing a speech said: "I know by experience that if we pay our merchants what we owe them and then want to buy goods in quantities and pay cash, we can buy as cheap at home, qualities considered, as any place in the world; and again, who will buy one of our farms in the vicinity of village all run down, for lack of support? If we want a prosperous town we must keep all the money in it we can.—LaBelle Star.

Circuit Court Notes.

Lydia F. Herndon vs Triple Alliance, verdict for plaintiff, and against defendant as follows: On first count in petition, \$786.00; on second count, \$150; on third count, \$150, making a total of \$1086.50.

Jennie Karnes vs American Insurance Co, plaintiff takes non suit with leave to move to set aside.

Was Not There.

To the Editor of the Ledger.

Mexico, Mo., Feb. 7.—As my name has been mentioned rather freely in connection with the case of young Orris Smith, I wish to say that I did not see the case professionally or otherwise.

Very truly,

C. E. HALLEY, M. D.

The Monroe City News, speaking of the editor of the LEDGER, says: He has always been an untiring worker for his city and by his pen has aided in advertising Mexico far and near. A city can well afford to honor her newspaper men, and Mexico, we have remarked time and again, is a city.

What's The Trouble?

From the Vandalia Leader.